

In support of the foregoing Request, Applicants respectfully note that in response to a Restriction Requirement issued by the Examiner, an election was made on 22 April 2005 to prosecute claims directed to “a semiconductor device”.

Pursuant to that election, the then pending claims 10-15 directed to “a process for making semiconductor devices” were withdrawn from further consideration in this application.

On 25 January 2006, a Response to Non-compliant Amendment was filed by Applicants wherein certain amendments were made to the above-identified application and Claims 1-9, and new Claims 16-36 were added. Of the added new claims, claims 16-21 were directed to a semiconductor device and claims 22-36 were directed to processes for making semiconductor devices.

On 23 May 2006, the Examiner allowed the above-identified application concurrently with the entry of an Examiner’s Amendment wherein a spelling error in claim 21 was corrected, and claims 10-15 and 22-36 were canceled as being directed to an invention that was non-elected, without traverse, earlier in the prosecution of this application.

Unfortunately, in the preparation of the Notice of Allowability for the above-identified application, the allowed claims are designated as claims 1-9 **and claims 22-36**. Applicants respectfully submit that in the circumstances of this application, the correct list of allowed claims should have read claims 1-9 **and claims 16-21**.

In other words, the Examiner in accordance with Applicants' election indicated that claims 22-36 were canceled in the Examiner's Amendment that accompanied the Notice of Allowability in the above-identified application, but apparently inadvertently incorrectly stated the list of allowed claims in the Notice of Allowability as including claims 22-36 that he had canceled by Examiner's Amendment, rather than claims 16-21 that he apparently intended to be allowed.

In view of the foregoing and to avoid further confusion and/or a misprinting of the allowed claims of the above-identified application in the United States Patent to be issued based on the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that a corrected Notice of Allowability be entered in the above-identified application wherein the list of allowed claims is corrected so as to read: **"1-9 and 16-21"**.

Applicants believe that no additional fee is required for consideration of the within Request for Corrected Notice of Allowability Under 37 CFR 1.312. However, if for any reason a fee paid is inadequate or a credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge/credit Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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